

James Robertson to Andrew Jackson, September 7, 1803, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JAMES ROBERTSON TO JACKSON.1

1 General Robertson, with Col. John Donelson, Jackson's father-in-law, was one of the two founders of the Cumberland settlements. He was held in the highest esteem by the Tennessee people of his time. Although his spelling was very bad, he was a man of fine sense, and he filled important offices of state.

Nashville, September 7, 1803.

Honrd. Sir , I have Just Returned from Smith and Wilson Countys, and have heard the generally opinion and wish of the people of both Countys that it Could be Consistant with your interest and other arangments to Continue Judg, it is likewise the harty wish of your frend and Humbel servant—but not a wish that you serve the state at your own Expence as heare to fore. I have no doubt but the insuing lageslat[i]on will alow such sallerys as may secure Judgs of Tallants and intigrety. it is said or doubted heare, that should you Resighn that Judg white will allso, and it is doubted should that be the case wheather governer Roan will take the opointment of Judg again. I think the time has Just arived that we shall most nead men of legal and natral knoledg metearley, in our land trials. I have for some time doubted that shifting our Judges would ingreg [injure] the Respectability of our Judisiey which I Ever have held the best security for harminy and good goverment of a new Country as ours is. I heard as I Returned home that your lady was well. Excuse the incorect scralls of one who wishes you all hapiness, while I am your most Humbel

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